

WORK SHEET - 1

Module 4.4 Driving on Limited Access Highways

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WORK SHEET- 1 Answer Key

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- 1. List four of the basic characteristics of a limited access highway. Students can answer with any of the following answers:
 - A. Travel on these highways is limited to motor vehicles
 - B. Drivers have minimum and maximum speed limits
 - C. Opposing traffic has some type of barrier (median grass strip, guardrail, concrete wall, etc.)
 - D. Multiple lanes in both directions
 - E. Designed to carry lots of traffic quickly and efficiently
 - F. Controlled access highways limit where drivers can enter and exit
 - G. Distance between entrance and exit locations may only be a mile apart or many miles apart
- 2. Identify four advantages of limited access highways. Students can answer with any of the following answers:
 - A. Collision and fatality rates are lower than on other types of roadways, but often have a high injury severity rate when a collision occurs because of the higher speeds
 - B. Cross traffic is not present because of controlled interchanges
 - C. Opposing traffic is separated by a barrier
 - D. Pedestrians, bicyclists, and slow-moving vehicles are not permitted on expressways
 - E. These roadways are designed to help drivers anticipate conditions ahead
 - F. There are no stops or cross traffic, so drivers can travel long distances without stopping
 - G. Signs are large and placed well in advance of exits, major interchanges, etc.
 - H. Higher speed limits allow for fast, efficient travel
- 3. Identify on the diagram below the three parts to a limited access highway.
 - A. The entrance ramp
 - B. Acceleration lane
 - C. Merge lane

1. Entrance Ramp

3. Merge Lane

2. Acceleration Lane









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- Describe the purpose of the entrance ramp.
 - The entrance ramp allows the driver time to search for traffic gaps and evaluate speed and space needed before merging into traffic
 - Ramps may be uphill, downhill, or level with the expressway
 - Some entrance ramps enter from the left instead of the right
- 5. Identify a minimum of four good habits when entering a limited access highway.
 - Make sure the entrance ramp is the correct one
 - Watch for "Do Not Enter" or "Wrong Way" signs
 - · Check front and rear zones
 - Two lanes may enter at the same time requiring a merge with another lane while on the entrance ramp
 - · Observe traffic conditions on the limited access roadway
 - Search for and select a safe gap
 - · Signal, check mirrors and blind spots
 - · Prepare to adjust speed for heavy traffic on the ramp
 - · Avoid stopping or backing up on a ramp
- 6. Describe the purpose of the acceleration ramp.
 - Used to speed up to or near the speed of traffic to merge into the selected gap
 - · Wait for a large gap, signal, accelerate quickly to merge with the flow of traffic
- 7. Identify a minimum of four good habits when using the acceleration lane.
 - Maintain speed/acceleration
 - Signal
 - In the acceleration lane accelerate to the speed of vehicles on the limited access road

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- · Continue to check front and rear zones, mirrors and blind spot
- · Decide when and where to merge
- 8. Describe the purpose of the merge ramp.
 - Provides space to find a gap and move into the lane
- 9. List the eight good habits when using the merge lane.
 - Adjust speed to the traffic flow and for following distance
 - Check rear zone
 - Check front zone
 - · Select a safe gap
 - Signal
 - · Merge smoothly
 - Cancel signal
 - · Check rear zone again